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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : OXCART Phase-Down

Reference : OXC-0053-67 Dated 9 February 1967.

1. The following remarks are in response to the Scope Cotton action items noted in paragraph 7 of the reference meeting which are the responsibility of the D/R&D/OSA:

2014. The radar model range should be placed on standby now and closed down completely by December 1967. The EG&G radars on the flight range should be closed down now except for the Bendix, the Mod III and the NIKE Tracker. By July 67 manpower can be reduced to 50% of the current level, and the entire facility closed down by the end of the year. The [ ] can be used to perform operational readiness tests on [ ] equipment. It is recommended that the equipment be mothballed at [ ]

2016. A very small amount of the J58 engine development effort is directed solely to the Y-J engines. That effort which has recently been directed to Y-J engines only involves solution of relatively minor service problems primarily involving the Hamilton Standard main fuel control. This relatively small effort is required if we are to maintain an operational OXCART posture with a high level of reliability and should not be curtailed or stopped.

2017. Type II (E-K) - No further effort should be undertaken for product improvement.

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2026. Future photographic R&D will suffer mainly because a high performance vehicle such as the OXCART will not be available. In the past, the OXCART was used to solve problems such as windows, stabilization, design changes in electronic components, film performance and capabilities.

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